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**HURRAH FOR THE 'RA':** The crew of the papyrus-reed boat "Ra" waves from stern of rescue vessel Shenandoah as the ship arrives in Barbados, about 600 miles southwest of the spot where they abandoned the "Ra" after it was damaged by a storm. Thor Heyerdahl, Norwegian explorer who led the voyage, is at left center, wearing dark clothes. Others, from left, are: Yuri Senkenevitch, a Russian

doctor; Georges Sourial, Egyptian; Heyerdahl; Santiago Chabes, Mexican; Carlo Mauri, Italian; Norman Baker, American navigator; and Abdullaye Djitrima, Chad Republic. Heyerdahl wrote "Kon-Tiki," an epic of Pacific ocean exploration. (AP Wirephoto via cable from London) (See AP Wire Story)

## Spacemen Zoom Back On Perfect Course

SPACE CENTER, Houston (AP) — Yearning for home, Apollo 11's moon explorers streaked ever faster toward earth today on a perfect course that is to land them in the Pacific Ocean Thursday.

"No matter where you travel,

## Federal Grand Jury Indicts 13

### Some Connected With Mafia

WASHINGTON (AP) — Thirteen persons, some described as members of the Mafia, have been indicted by a federal grand jury on charges of conspiracy and racketeering in connection with a loan from a Teamsters Union pension fund, Atty. Gen. John N. Mitchell announced today.

Mitchell said the indictments were returned Monday by a federal grand jury in New York City, culminating a long investigation by federal agents in three states.

At mid-morning, the FBI said nine persons had been taken into custody, three others had been ordered to surrender and one was being sought as a fugitive.

FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover said the indictments and arrests dealt a severe blow to the Cosa Nostra in New York City, western Pennsylvania and the Detroit area.

Those named in the indictment were charged with conspiring to obtain an increase in a loan for the Mid-City Development Corp., a Detroit real estate firm, from the Central States, Southeast and Southwest area's pension fund of the Teamsters Union in Chicago.

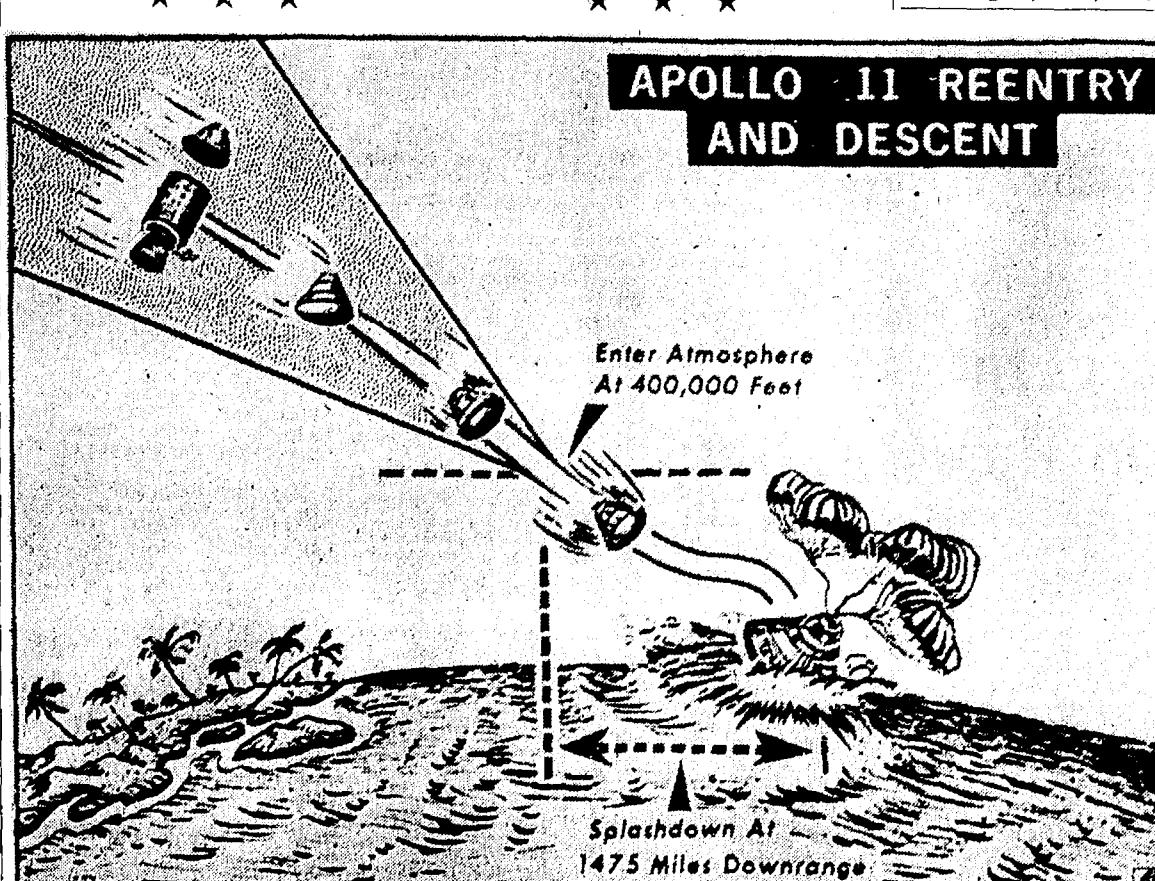
The original loan totaled \$1,050,000, the indictments alleged, but attempts were made to increase the loan to \$1,250,000 through payment of a kickback.

### Lake Temperature

The temperature of Lake Michigan at the shoreline today is 65 degrees.

**Motor Route Open**—Established route. Applicant must reside in the Lawrence area, have reliable car, afternoons free. Steady year-around income. Write or call Mr. Bowie, % The News-Palladium, Benton Harbor, Adv.

**RENTALS**



**BACK TO EARTH:** Drawing shows Apollo 11 command module's scheduled reentry in atmosphere and descent to earth on Thursday in the Pacific Ocean. Upper left, command module jettisons service mod-

ule; command module re-enters atmosphere at about 400,000 feet; module descends with aid of parachutes to splashdown point, 1475 miles down-range. (AP Wirephoto Drawing)

## TED KENNEDY MAY FACE NEW COUNTS

### Salvation Of Cities Top Goal

#### Milliken Asks All Michigan To Join Fight

MACKINAC ISLAND (AP) — "Our cities need the collective concern of all Michigan citizens," Gov. William Milliken told a conference at Mackinac Island.

The governor spoke before the Michigan Savings and Loan Convention Tuesday night.

"The quality of life in the remotest village in the Upper Peninsula depends on the quality of life in the heart of Detroit," Milliken said.

In the core of some Michigan cities, the governor said, the quality of life has disappeared altogether.

#### 'CRUEL STRUGGLE'

"There is no quality, and life—the ability to enjoy, to progress and to hope—has evolved into a cruel and oppressive struggle for existence."

"Drugs, crime, uninhabitable housing, rats, litter, racial tension, unemployment, violence, and, in some instances, sub-standard schools combine to make our inner cities the bedlam of the century," Milliken said.

The problems are so enormous, the governor declared, they cannot be attacked piecemeal.

As one approach, Milliken said, his commission on law enforcement and criminal justice has prepared the first comprehensive law enforcement and criminal justice plan for Michigan.

"The commission plans extensive upgrading of law enforcement personnel," he reported, "treatment of alcohol and drug abuse, improved youth services and methods of handling juvenile problems and vigorous efforts in the area of combating organized crime."

Milliken said organized crime has managed to flourish in Michigan in the face of continuing efforts to destroy it.

The governor said he has established a special committee to investigate how to deal with organized crime and has enlarged the specialist force with

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**AT FUNERAL:** U. S. Sen. Edward M. Kennedy and his wife, Joan, pass tombstone as they walk along line of spectators in cemetery where remains of Mary Jo Kopechne, a former aide of slain Sen. Robert F. Kennedy were buried. (AP Wirephoto)

## Grocery Prices Up 1.7% In June

### Cost Of Living Figures Released For Month

WASHINGTON (AP) — The nation's living costs jumped another six-tenths of one per cent in June with soaring food prices providing the biggest upward kick, the government reported.

Housing, clothing, transportation, medical care and recreation costs combined with the big food increases to push the Labor Department's Consumer Price Index to 127.6.

This means it cost Americans \$12.76 in June for every \$10 worth of goods and services in the 1957-59 period, on which the index is based.

Grocery prices leaped 1.7 per cent in June, and food prices so far this year were climbing at a seven per cent annual rate—double last year's increase.

The biggest food price increase were on meats, poultry and fish, up 4.5 per cent in June.

This year's living cost increase is the highest in 18 years.

In today's report, the Bureau of Labor Statistics also said that weekly earnings of some 45 million rank and file workers averaged \$115.06 last month, a gain of \$1.58 from May, and purchasing power was up 46 cents a week despite the sharp climb in prices.

However, Assistant Commissioner Arnold Chase said purchasing power was down five-tenths of one per cent from a year ago because of increased taxes and rising living costs.

Chase was hesitant to forecast any slowing down in this year's sharpest rise in living costs since the Korean War year of 1951.

"It is pretty difficult drawing conclusions on what the trend in prices is going to do in the future," he said.

"There is some hope, I think, in the slowdown in the rate of rise in apparel prices, and possibly it is very important that such recognition be given.

"Because they are public employees, these people throughout Michigan sometimes receive criticism," Milliken noted. "Because of this, it seems appropriate that when they perform exceptionally well, they also should receive considerable credit and this will be one of the primary duties of the commission."

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### Drinking At Party Is Probed

#### Trace Steps Of Senator After Crash

EDGARTOWN, Mass. (AP) — A special Dukes County prosecutor says he is considering whether charges of driving to endanger and driving under the influence of alcohol might be placed against Sen. Edward M. Kennedy.

Walter E. Steele told a news conference Tuesday that the additional charges were under consideration as an investigation continued into the accident early Saturday in which a young secretary riding in Kennedy's car died.

Kennedy is already charged with leaving the scene of the accident.

"These have all been considered and have not been ruled out," Steele said of the possible additional charges.

He said there is no material evidence to indicate that the car in which Miss Mary Jo Kopechne died was operated in a manner to endanger.

Steele said he hoped to determine whether there had been drinking—or heavy drinking—at the party attended by Miss Kopechne the night she died.

"I can't say specifically that we are making an investigation into heavy drinking," Steele said. "The investigation is continuing to determine whether other complaints should be sought and the consumption of alcohol will be investigated."

**ALCOHOL IN BLOOD**

A medical examiner reported Tuesday that a sample of Miss Kopechne's blood showed a small amount of alcohol. Dr. Donald R. Mills said it was insignificant, "such as might show in a person who has had a few cocktails."

The commonwealth also hopes to learn who attended the party Friday night at the rented cottage on Chappaquiddick Island, Steele said.

Miss Kopechne, 28, of Washington, D.C., drowned when a car Kennedy was driving went off a bridge and landed bottom up in a tidal pond.

The Massachusetts Democrat, 37, escaped with a mild concussion and strained neck muscles.

He did not report the accident until several hours after it happened.

He was charged with leaving the scene of an accident in which personal injury resulted. Kennedy said he was in shock after the accident.

Benton Harbor Police Chief Dominic Arena said: "I am concerned only with the charge of leaving the scene of an accident. I know nothing of any party. It is only a rumor. All I know about that is what I read in the papers. I know nothing of who was there, only that Mr. Joseph Gargan rented the house."

**'NO NEGLIGENCE'**

"I've got to repeat again," (See Page 11, Sec. 1, Col. 4)

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The Benton Harbor school district Honors band will present a concert tonight at 8:00 o'clock in the Benton Harbor Senior High School Gymnasium. This concert, under the direction of Bernard Kuschel, will be a climax to the schools' summer band sessions which have been conducted during the past six weeks.

The concert will include contemporary and classical selections for the modern symphonic band and several popular marches. The youthful musicians who will participate have been rehearsing four days each week throughout the entire summer band school session.

There is no admission charge, and the public is invited.

## BH Honors Band Concert Is Tonight



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Twin City  
News

## BH DEPARTMENTS FINISHING YEAR IN BLACK

### Deputy Demands Hearing

July 31  
Examination Scheduled

A Berrien county sheriff's deputy charged with embezzlement and two youths charged with possession of marijuana have demanded examinations in Fifth District court.

David Hanner, 32, with two years service in the sheriff's department, was charged in connection with the unauthorized sale of an abandoned car and failure to turn over the \$300 proceeds.

According to an announcement made last Saturday by Sheriff Nick Jewell, Hanner was arrested Friday night and subsequently suspended from duty until the case is settled. Hanner, who lives at 3776 Southfield street, St. Joseph, remains free on his own recognizance pending the July 31 examination.

MARIJUANA CASE James G. Toth Jr., 18 and Allen Ray Weddell, 18, both of South Bend, were charged with possession of marijuana after their arrests by state police troopers early yesterday at an outdoor theater in Niles. Bond for each was set at \$500 by Judge Iwanuk in Fifth District court, Niles.

In other action, two men were bound over to circuit court to face charges of breaking and entering an occupied dwelling after examinations in Fifth District court. James Lloyd Seals and William P. Rogers, both of Chicago, are charged with burglarizing the home of a New Buffalo state police trooper July 11.

Also in Fifth District court, William L. A. Barrett, 18, route 1, Box 545, Coloma, was bound over to face a charge of negligent homicide. Barrett is accused of driving through a stop sign July 6, in Bainbridge township and causing an accident that resulted in the death of Richard Butler.

Kenneth Wenger, 26, Box 422, Bridgeman demanded examination on a charge of concealing and harboring a runaway juvenile. Bond was set at \$500.

James E. Coleman, 25, 235 Pine street, Benton Harbor, was sentenced to 20 days in jail, assessed \$181 fine and costs and placed on two years probation for window peeping and using obscene language in the presence of a woman.

Richard A. Payne, 19, New Buffalo, was jailed 10 days, assessed \$133 fine and costs and placed on one year probation for showing false identification to buy intoxicants.

In Sixth District court, Benton Harbor, three persons pleaded guilty to shoplifting at K Mart, Benton Harbor, and were assessed \$111.95 fine and costs each; Ruby Horton, 1368 Whitney, Benton township; Rachael Frank, 1675 King, Benton township; and Margaret Thornton, route 4, Box 447, Coloma.

### FOUND WALKING

LaBeau was picked up as he was walking on Union, a road that runs parallel to M-139 a block east.

A large cement block was thrown through the front door window of Piet's, police said, triggering the alarm. The guns were valued by the owner at \$40.

Also yesterday, St. Joseph police arrested Ssergi Shramek, 28, of 723 Broad street, St. Joseph, on a charge of larceny. An employee of Health Co., Hilltop road, St. Joseph, he was charged with stealing company parts during his lunch hour.

A purse and wallet containing no money were reported stolen from the unlocked car of Arlynn Marker, of Gaien, while it was parked yesterday at Tiscornia Beach, St. Joseph, police said.

Dallas & Mavis Forwarding co., 1342 M-139, Benton township, reported to police yesterday that two trailers are missing. One, a 40 foot low-boy, was taken from its M-139 lot, and a 35 foot low-boy from its 1642 Red Arrow highway lot, company officials said.

Two men were charged with gambling: Anthony Davis, 1221 Pearl, Benton Harbor, who pleaded guilty and was assessed \$36.95; and Stephenson Flood, 748 South Crystal, Benton Harbor, who pleaded innocent and was placed on \$100 bond.

William Edward Thompson, 1020 Buss, Benton Harbor, pleaded guilty to furnishing intoxicants to minors and paid \$39.20 fine and costs.

The Benton Harbor school

A Benton township man received minor injuries yesterday afternoon after the front ball joint of his car apparently came loose, nose-diving his car to the road.

James E. Hawkins, 31, of 642 Walnut avenue, told sheriff's deputies that the only thing he remembered after waking up in Mercy hospital was the front end of his car dropping down. Hawkins was treated for a cut lip at Mercy hospital and released.

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## BERRIEN WORKERS SEEK BARGAINING VOTES

### Road Costs Too High Says Council

#### South Haven Puts Limit On Marina Project

SOUTH HAVEN—Members of the city council Tuesday night balked at increased cost estimates for the construction of a road around the new municipal marina.

The council ordered city manager Albert Pierce to re-negotiate with the Canonic Construction Co. of South Haven for the construction of the road at a sum not to exceed \$10,000.

The council at a special meeting on June 11 approved the \$10,000 expenditure for the road which rings the 64-boat marina. At that time it was pointed out that the road was not part of the \$380,000 marina construction program.

**HIGHER COSTS CITED**

Since that meeting, the engineering firm of John R. Snell, Inc., of Lansing presented a revised construction estimate of \$16,388.62. Snell spokesman Hugh Corrigan on Tuesday reduced that estimate to 12,340.

Council members, in rejecting the higher expense, considered the June 11 decision to spend \$10,000 as a binding agreement with the contractor.

A split vote authorized Pierce to re-negotiate the costs. In



**NEW PRINCIPAL:** Gary D. Korman, 30, has assumed duties as the new principal of Fennville high school. He replaces Fred Richardson, who resigned. Korman spent the past two years as principal of the Chassell junior and senior high school in Michigan's Upper Peninsula. He is a graduate of Northern Michigan University. He and his wife, and son, reside at route 1, Fennville.

### Shooting Case Is Confusing

#### Dowagiac Police Unraveling 'Mess'

DOWAGIAC—A shooting incident here Sunday, allegedly over a \$1 debt, has resulted in "a confusing mess," Dowagiac Police Chief George Grady said.

Grady said the arrest of one man in connection with the shooting has been followed by a conflicting statement by the accused man's younger brother. Grady said investigation is needed to resolve the matter.

Recovering at Lee Memorial hospital here from a gunshot wound in the side is Willie Rule, 50, of Dowagiac. He was listed in fair condition after being shot Sunday night while standing in a driveway off Grand Boulevard, Dowagiac.

Arrested Monday and charged with assault to commit great bodily harm less than murder was Samuel Macon, 50, of 209 Andrews, Dowagiac. He demanded an examination when arraigned in Fourth District court at Cassopolis and was freed on his own recognition. The examination date has not been set, pending investigation of the younger brother's statements.

Grady said the brother, James Macon, 37, of 203 Andrews, came to the police station here at 8:25 a.m. Tuesday offered his statement and handed police a .32 caliber pistol, Grady said.

Grady said that according to statements, the shooting climaxed a quarrel over \$1 which Rule allegedly owed the Macons' mother.

Rule was shot once, apparently by a man sitting in an auto in the driveway, Grady said.

### Deputies To Ballot August 4

#### Supervisor Says Funds Available For Salary Hikes

By JERRY KRIEGER  
County-Farm Editor

Berrien county government for the first time in its history may face the necessity of bargaining collectively with one or more groups of its employees. At its July session, the board of supervisors consented to a bargaining agency election among the deputy sheriffs in the sheriff's department. The election is planned for August 4.

Board Chairman Frank Poorman also disclosed that employees of the juvenile court have indicated in a letter they want to vote on a bargaining agent.

Various board members noted the pressure for wage increases even before the end of this year, but Finance Chairman Lad Stacey said it appears the county already will end 1969 in the red.

"They want more money, but they can't tell us where to get it."

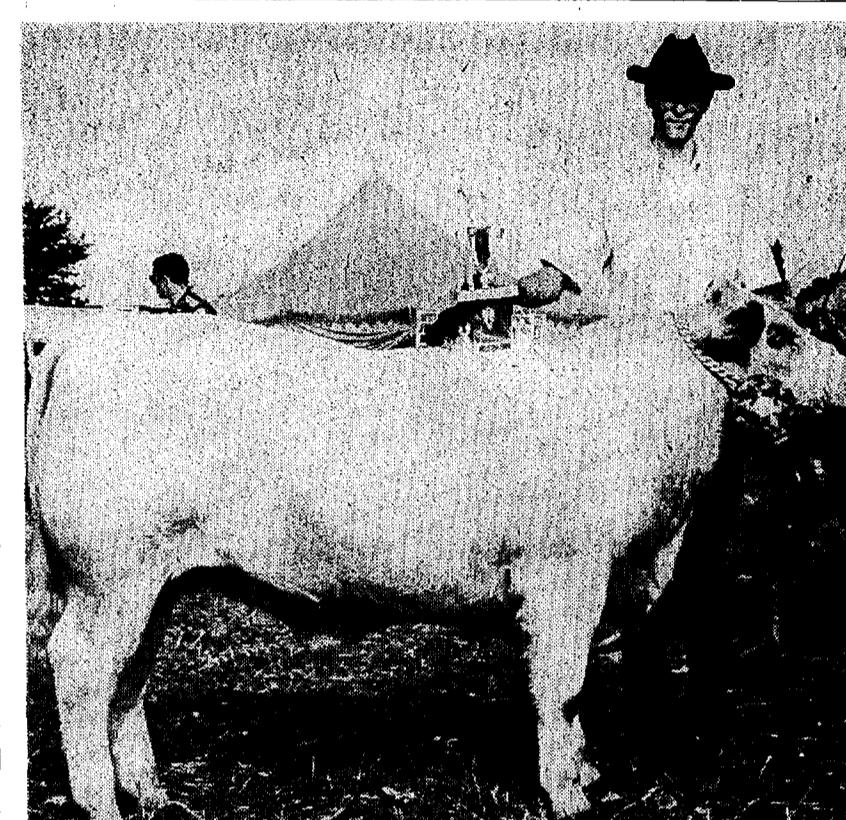
District 11 Supervisor Michael Govatos of Benton Harbor asked what's being done to prevent the "exodus" of county employees, referring apparently to several resignations in the sheriff's department and the widely-publicized resignation of Chief Juvenile Officer Robert S. Johnson last week.

"We should swallow our pride and meet this problem of wages head on," Govatos declared. Both Leslie Fischer, county affairs committee head, and Ernest Chase, head of the personnel sub-committee, reiterated that there is no money available in the 1969 budget for wage increases before the end of the year.

**REVISION UNDERWAY**

It was disclosed, however, that the salary sub-committee is hard at work on revision of the present wage program, presumably with a view to a general increase for next year.

One board member, who asked to remain anonymous, said the wage plan revision will seek particularly to raise the beginning level of pay for county jobs. He said blanket raises on a percentage basis help the starting workers the least. He predicted a "real good" wage improvement package next in early June relative to



**CHAMPION STEER:** Don McGrew of McGrew Farms, Paw Paw, displays his Charolais steer which won him a senior showmanship trophy for beef cattle at the Van Buren Youth fair yesterday. McGrew plans to keep his steer and exhibit it throughout southwestern Michigan. (Staff photos)

year.

Board Chairman Poorman instructed the county affairs committee to set up meetings with representatives from the sheriff's deputies and the juvenile department for a full-scale discussion of their demands.

By formal resolution, the supervisors gave consent for the Michigan Labor Mediation board to hold a secret ballot election among deputy sheriffs Aug. 4 to determine if the officers want the St. Joseph Fraternal Order of Police Lodge No. 98, as their bargaining agent. All male and female deputy sheriffs below the rank of undersheriff will be eligible to vote. Eligible will be the sheriff, undersheriff, Lien telephone operators, part-time deputies, dog wardens, summer-employed marine officers, and clerical typists. Balloting will be at the St. Joseph FOP lodge building on Niles Avenue.

**COURT EMPLOYEES**

Poorman said juvenile court employees had sent him a letter

improvement package next in early June relative to

consent to an election on naming Blossomland FOP Lodge No. 100 as their bargaining agent. He added that he hadn't heard anything further from them on this matter, however, and was not certain what the present intentions were.

Gary Dasse, spokesman for the juvenile court workers, indicated his group was still waiting for a reply or some form of action on their request for consent to a bargaining election.

Dasse said his group did not appear before the board in person yesterday because it was "denied" inclusion on the meeting agenda. He added, however, that the group has been invited to meet with the joint finance and salary committees to air its demands and this would be an agreeable alternate to appearing before the entire board.

In line with a continuing effort to bring all county purchases under the scrutiny and approval of the finance committee, supervisors questioned several items on the monthly list

court and for the juvenile court. Finance Chairman Stacey said \$297 sofas ordered for each of the three district judges had never been approved by the finance committee of the old board of supervisors before Dec. 31. He suggested, facetiously, the sofas ought to be taken back and auctioned off, but the bills were ordered paid.

Chief District Judge John Hammond contended later that the sofas were approved for purchase when the old finance committee gave the judges blanket authority to purchase up to \$15,000 worth of items from a list offered by a supply firm. The sofas were included on the list, Judge Hammond stated.

District 16 Supervisor Kenneth Wendzel of Bainbridge Township objected to bills of \$257 and \$91 to pay college tuition for two juvenile court officers. He said he questioned the matter of the county paying tuition for employees to further their education and "then come

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## Berrien Speaker Links Reds To Sex Education Campaign

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BERRIEN SPRINGS — When this country is lost, its tombstone should read "because the American people didn't want to be bothered," Lt. Col. Jack Mohr, retired, declared in a talk here last night.

Sponsored by the Berrien County Movement To Restore Decency (MOTOREDE) committee, Mohr spoke against sex education and sensitivity group training.

He told the 150 persons present, the main problems the American people have to face are morality and sexuality. He said, "you don't have to get smallpox to know it is a dangerous disease," and called for an end to parental delinquency.

**PARENTS BLAMED**

He said American parents are not teaching their children the basic concepts on which this country was founded. He said parents are too often pursuing their own pleasures instead of teaching their children right from wrong.

This abandonment of their children, leads educators and governmental agents to take over education. Then they sit back and say we will teach the children and there is "nothing you can do about it."

The retired Army officer who spoke once before in Berrien county on Vietnam earlier this year, advised those present to begin thinking to become involved, and to sit down and discuss sex education with local school leaders. He said school officials very often, will be cooperative. If they refuse, however, Col. Mohr said, then it is the time to begin protest action.

The retired Army officer said there is no generation gap, only

the gap between so-called "old fashioned parents" and the modern scientific theories being promoted by the schools.

Often referring to Biblical passages, Col. Mohr, said there are "certain laws laid down by God himself that never change." He said modern scientists can hammer away at young people, but they will be forgotten in the dust of centuries. He said there is no generation gap, just misplaced spiritual values.

He said, "We need to return to the concept that parents are responsible for their children and not to their children." He said the kids say they want sex education, but he said, kids want lots of things that are not necessarily good for them.

He often referred to Communist doctrines both of the Russian and Chinese Communists, which refer to psychology, a science to control the thinking of an entire nation.

**'NOT FREE MEN'**

By starting with the teenagers, giving them drugs, alcohol, sexual freedom, it will create illness and worthlessness destroying the morals of young people leading them to believe they are free men when they will then be slaves.

A Communist document captured by the Americans 50 years ago in Germany pointed out how the traditional three "R's" of reading, writing and arithmetic, could be replaced with sin, sex and sensitivity, to corrupt children.

Col. Mohr said, you are "paying hard-earned tax dollars to have your children subverted in the schools." He said sensitivity programs follow patterns of Communist prison camps and that it is the cultural first cousin to direct reorganization of thinking and morals of

individuals by carefully-placed stress by the group leader until all involved think the same way.

He pointed out that Pavlov's experiments with dogs led the way to the saving of the revolution in Russia by Stalin and began the reshuffling of thinking of human beings.

As one of the first Americans captured and brainwashed by the Communists during the Korean war, Col. Mohr said he learned of these techniques from personal experience. He said these sensitivity sessions can lead to distrust among human beings and to the end of individual thinking. Some sex education teachers are being trained in the sensitivity sessions, he said.

Col. Mohr told those present of a school board meeting he attended in a small town in Wisconsin in which the superintendent told all the parents present objecting to sex education they were "stupid kooks and the schools were going to have it anyway."

**PROGRAMS COSTLY**

He blamed part of the sex education push in the schools to fast talking salesmen out to make money. He pointed out a sex education program would cost any individual school district between \$250,000 to \$400,000. With the problems school districts are having in raising additional operating funds and defeat of millage proposals evident across the country, the money could be more wisely spent leaving sex education to parents.

He said none of the proponents of sex education can say if such a program will work or not, but that they are willing to experiment. He asked why teachers are qualified to teach

sex education when parents are not.

He asked why the parents could not be educated to teach their children about sex, if such a program is necessary he pointed out it is easier to change the thinking pattern of an 8, 9 or 10 years old than of an adult.

Col. Mohr, who is completing the last week of a three-state lecture tour, said in his tours of 318 communities, he knows of only one successful sex education program. That one, he said, is in Iowa, where a well-trained teacher, handles the program.

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In a letter of resignation, Olmstead said "Unless full support of the board (of education) is given in many issues, I prefer to work elsewhere." He did not specify which issues he referred to.

William Smith, a high school principal, was named acting superintendent.

Olmstead is a former superintendent of the Lakeshore school system south of St. Joseph.

**VISIT IN GANGES**

**GANGES**—Mr. and Mrs. William Gehring and daughter of Peoria, Ill., and Mrs. Zola Goodwin of St. Louis, Mo., are guests of their grandmother and sister, Mrs. Bertha Plummer.

## Van Buren Fair Attendance Soars

### Livestock Judging Fills Most Of First Day

HARTFORD — Prize-winning livestock, a large pet parade and the first of three youth horse shows took the spotlight yesterday at the Van Buren County Youth Fair.

Yesterday was "children's day" and thousands of area youngsters flocked to the fair grounds to take in the sights. M. J. Conklin, fair manager, said attendance for Monday was up about 30 per cent from opening day last year. Yesterday's attendance was also above average and fair officials said over 5,000 persons were ushered through the gates during the day.

**LIVESTOCK GRADED**

Over 45 Van Buren county 4-H

members took part in the first segment of livestock judging yesterday. Sheep, swine, and beef cattle were graded throughout the day and part of the more than 100 horses at the fair participated in a youth horse show.

During the afternoon, about 100 youngsters took part in the annual pet parade through downtown Hartford. A few features of the parade this year, was the addition of both large and small floats. The grand prize which was offered for the best exhibit in the parade, was awarded to a float built and ridden by members of Cub Scout Pack 82, which is sponsored by the Parent's Club of St. Basil's church.

Fair officials are looking forward to continued good weather and high spirits to draw even larger crowds to the fairgrounds during the rest of the week.

in South Haven.

The evening brought a touch of adult entertainment with a youthful flair as about 300 persons attended a square dance, featuring Carl Geel as caller and the first of four nights of harness racing in front of the grandstand.

During the intermission of the harness racing show, the Van Buren Folk Dancers, presented a special program of dancing.

Judging of 4-H livestock is continuing today with dairy cattle, poultry and rabbits presented for inspection.

**HORSE RACING**

On the agenda for the evening's program will be a skydiving exhibition at 7 p.m. followed by another evening of harness racing in front of the grandstand.

During the intermission at the grandstand, the Gwen Goodard Dancers of Lawton, will present a program of interpretive dances.

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**CHAMPION SWINE:** Ronald Hunt, route 2, Lawton, a member of the Porter Pals 4-H Club, shows off his senior showmanship and grand champion swine. Hunt won both honors Tuesday at the Van Buren Youth fair.



**SHEEP SHOWMAN:** Donald Grimm, a member of the Porter Pals 4-H club of Lawton, was named senior sheep showman at the Van Buren County Youth fair in Hartford. Grimm shows off his lamb and trophy after being named champion. (Staff photos)